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Showing their Playoff Colors at Naval Hospital Bremerton

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Does the Navy's Working Uniform have the same hue and tint of the Pacific Northwest professional football team in Seattle? Hospital Corpsman Third Class Tyler Wharton of NHB's Operational Readiness Department thinks so as he shows his Seattle Seahawk colors...attesting that the Navy's NWU has a remarkable resemblance in color schemes to the NFL team (Photo by Douglas H. Stutz)

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Is it just a coincidence that the Navy's Working Uniform (NWU) has a color-scheme that bears some semblance to the hue and tint of the Seattle Seahawk uniform?

The similarities of color have not gone unnoticed for some Naval Hospital Bremerton staff members, especially during this year's national Football League playoffs with the Seahawks hosting the New Orleans Saints on Sat., Jan 11.

"I have thought about that. Just think, everyone in the Navy is actually wearing Seahawk colors," said Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Tyler J. Wharton of NHB's Operational Readiness Department, and Shelton, Wash. native.

Wharton is also a member of The 12th Man, the Seahawks loud and proud fan base who routinely strive to build upon their tradition as having the loudest stadium in professional football. Seattle heads into the playoffs with the best record in the NFC at 13 wins with only three losses, having earned a first round bye and home field advantage through the playoffs. They have only dropped one game at home in the past two seasons.



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Many attribute part of that success to the solid and boisterous fan support.

“The 12th Man brings good, loud, luck. Cheering for your team is part of the game. I was at the Tampa Bay game when we were down by 21 and came back for the win. That was huge and I know The 12th Man had a part in the win,” Wharton stated, alluding to the impact their noise has at home games by causing opposing teams to have communication gaffes such as momentum-stalling false start penalties.

Just as the NWU’s blue and touch of gray color scheme is indicative of the Navy’s nautical and ship heritage, the Seattle Seahawk uniform colors were designed with Seattle’s reputation of being in synch with surrounding Pacific Northwest ecosystems. The designated colors represent the waters of Puget Sound and the prevalence of surrounding greenery, specifically evergreen trees that are throughout the city and entire region.

“Well of course the NWUs have Seahawk colors. I had some recommendations that were implemented in their design before I retired. If they had green in them, I’d have gone out and got a pair,” quipped Casey Pruett, of NHB’s Suitability Screening and Exceptional Family Member Program and Seahawk fan who routinely wore a Seahawk shirt on ‘sports-shirt Thursday’ during the regular season.

The Seahawk uniforms also have a touch of white for the snow-covered Cascades mountain range that rings the city, a grey color that signifies the overcast cloudy days during football season – there’s a reason why there’s so much green; it rains – and there’s even a splashier shade of green.

“All the NWU really needs is just that little bit of extra bright green and we’d really be good to go,” Wharton said.

Melissa Rochefort, referral coordinator with NHB’s Utilization Management has been a Seahawk fan for years and attests that the last three years have been especially fun for her and her husband Phil to follow the team.

“Doing as well as they have of course has a lot to do with it and going to the games is a lot of fun. There’s so much energy there,” Rochefort said.

And the game itself?

“It’ll be a much closer game from the first time they met (a 34-7 Seahawks romp on Dec 2), but Seattle will win. I don’t think the Saints can match up with the Seahawks physically,” Pruett said, predicting a Seahawk 24-10 win.

“Seahawks by at least seven this time against New Orleans,” added Wharton.

“I’m almost hesitant to make a prediction. I think we’ll be on the edge of our seats and it will be a close game with the Seahawks prevailing,” said Rochefort.

Yet there are those who have not jumped upon the local team bandwagon and are not taken by The 12th Man rallies at the state capital in Olympia or local gatherings by Kitsap area chamber of commerces.

“That guy Russell Wilson is the real deal. His level of maturity is impressive and he’s genuine. But I’m an (Oakland) Raider fan and not one who thinks when you transfer from one place to another you automatically shift your allegiance,” shared Hospital Corpsman Chief Macorcel Gozum, Leading Chief Petty Officer for Patient Administration and Decedent Affairs.

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“And I think they’re going to knock off New Orleans,” Gozum shared.



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